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TITLE: Optical Waveguide Exhibiting Strongly Positive Dispersion and System Utilizing Same

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to substantive examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicant believes no fees are necessitated by the present Amendment. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1937.

**In the Specification:**

On page 4, replace the paragraph beginning with line 18 with:

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Other transmission fibers have been designed which exhibit negative dispersion and positive slope over the transmission band. Such fibers are disclosed for example in U.S. Patent 6,091,873 and are conventionally known as negative non-zero dispersion shifted fibers (negative NZDSF), or reverse dispersion fibers (RDF). These fibers exhibit zero dispersion at a